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SUBJECT: FRG MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY

REFS: (A) STATE 120198, (B) STATE 188274 DTG 161936Z

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1. PER PARA 1 REF (A), WE REMINDED FMOD OFFICIALS THAT THE USG MUST APPROVE IN ADVANCE ALL TRANSFERS TO THIRD COUNTRIES OF MAP OR FMS ORIGIN EQUIPMENT, AND SPECIFICALLY RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO THE TWO TF-104G AIRCRAFT PLANNED BY THE FRG FOR TRANSFER TO TURKEY. OUR FMOD CONTACT STATED THAT THE FRG IS WELL AWARE OF THE NECESSITY TO RECEIVE PRIOR USG APPROVAL BEFORE ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS TO THIRD COUNTRIES AND CAREFULLY ADHERES TO THIS REQUIREMENT. HE INDICATED THAT, IN THE CASE OF THE TWO TF-104G'S, THE FRG RECEIVED APPROVAL IN NOV 72 FOR THIS TRANSFER.

2. A REVIEW OF OUR RECORDS SHOWS THAT, PURSUANT TO THE GUIDANCE IN REF (B), WE INFORMED THE FRG IN A NOTE
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VERBALE DATED 30 NOV 72 THAT THE USG HAD NO REQUIREMENT

FOR TEN FRG EXCESS F/TF-104G AIRCRAFT LOCATED AT LUKE AFB. THIS NOTE VERBALE ADDED QUOTE AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO NOTE THE NEED FOR SUCH AIRCRAFT ON NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK. SHOULD NO SALES POSSIBILITIES FOR THESE AIRCRAFT ARISE AND SHOULD IT BECOME PRACTICABLE IN THE FUTURE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY COULD CONSIDER MAKING THESE PLANES AVAILABLE TO NATO COUNTRIES IN THAT AREA UNDER ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS UNQUOTE.

3. WE CONFIRM (PARA 2, REF (A)) THAT THESE TWO TF-104G'S ARE THE SAME AIRCRAFT FIRST REPORTED ON IN MAAG ROME CABLE 070735Z AUG 74. IN ADDITION, WE KNOW THAT THESE TF-104G'S, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY STILL LOCATED AT LUKE AFB, HAVE BEEN EARMARKED BY THE FRG FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW (PERHAPS OVER 2 YEARS) FOR TRANSFER TO TURKEY. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, INCLUDING THE FRG DECISION LAST SUMMER TO SUSPEND MILITARY AID TO TURKEY BECAUSE OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION, TRANSFER OF THE AIRCRAFT HAS NOT YET TAKEN PLACE.

4. COMMENT: OUR FMOD CONTACT ACKNOWLEDGED BAT "THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED" SINCE THE FRG RECEIVED APPROVAL IN NOV 72 FOR TRANSFER OF THE TF-104G'S TO NATO SOUTHERN FLANK COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE FRG DOES NOT INTEND TO APPROACH THE U.S. AGAIN ON THIS MATTER. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD APPEAR NECESSARY FOR THE U.S. TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE FORMALLY TO BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FRG. EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED ON THIS MATTER. END COMMENT.
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